

SHOULD OWN HIS HOME.

The Man Who Really Counts in the Affairs of Nations, is the Home Owner—the Home Builder—Concrete Facts.

That history repeats itself is an axiom that none can gainsay. We boast of our great strides along advanced lines, and yet we are often brought face to face with problems that were solved years ago, of which we have, nor can we form any clear idea. This but proves that what we are pleased to term advancement is but a departure from the customs and methods of our forebears. Nations long ago were born and grew to be reckoned as great powers in their time, and doubtless were, judged by the standards of their time, but of them nothing today remains but memories, and foremost is the thought that they built not wisely, but too well. Rome, in all her boasted glory and power, overlooked the foundation on which to build an enduring structure. True they developed a race of stalwart men and women who were the admiration of the world, but this, within itself, was not enough. From well-bred men and women arose a desire for opulence and ease, with the result that Rome decayed and passed from the annals of nations. The effects of Rome's undoing will hold good with any nation from like cause—the centralization of wealth. Nations to endure, must of necessity be nations of home owners—home builders—people who pride the home with all its sacred associations more than the glamour and glitter of the alluring dollar. Those who are led off in a mad chase for gain, irrespective of all life's other claims, have but one sure ending, whose echo spells defeat. Landless man means manless land.

To prove conclusively the force

of this argument, you have but to take a peep into condition as they exist in England and Russia.

Russia has more undeveloped resources than any other nation of today, yet Russia, is reckoned one of the old nations. Why is this? It is the result of landless man. That nation, the richest of all, in resources, is in every truth the poorest, and all because the land is owned and controlled by a few. In England conditions are not so bad. There not quite such a degree of oppression, and yet even England is beginning to get alarmed over the retrogression of her citizens. Owning a home brings a sense of security, a feeling of partnership that he who owns no home can never hope to feel. It makes one take a vital interest in affairs of state. Today America is drifting toward landlordism and it will have the same result here as in those other countries. It means the losing of the individualism upon which our nation was conceived and upon which it must either rest secure, or losing which, totter and decay. The harmful tendencies of the time are found in trying to ape after the big fellow and not being content to do those things which nature intended one should do. It is a commendable trait in any one's character to try and excel but let us get down to a sane basis of operations. Let us decide to be content with owning and beautifying a home. Let us resolve that come what may we must and shall be home owners—home builders. Let's perpetuate America, the land of freedoms birth, as a heritage to the generations yet unborn. Remember—a landless man means manless land.—Lubbock Avalanche.

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GREAT PROSPERITY IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Home, Happiness, Prosperity and Plenty of It In the Southwest.

This is no time for courting prosperity. Whatever may be the conditions elsewhere, the Southwest is right now enjoying a season of growth and material progress never before approached. Really it may be that times are actually to good for the best development of the country and the best welfare of the people. Money is so easy, indeed, that there is danger of one those periods of extravagance and waste which are always followed by General Depression and his army of ills.

Recent very heavy orders for steel rails and by many manufacturers for steel stock to be used in their various plants indicate a loosening up all round. The railroads have been buying light for the past eighteen months, and caution has marked every step of all the factories outside of the automobile trade alone, which has seemed to grow and flourish upon the depression prevailing.

The last of the Southwestern interests to pick up has been the yellow pine lumber trade, and now it is beginning to pulse and throb with new life and energy.

Cattle and hogs are "way up in the pictures," the record price having been paid for the latter a few days since. King cotton, not to be left in the lurch is getting up the grade at a nice clip, and it is believed will reach the 15-cent mark by new year.

Then what? All honest labor is employed actually overtime at "extra;" the carpenter in the Southwestern city who sought work at \$2 a day a little more than a decade ago now gets his four plunks for shorter hours and keeps steadily at a job. Railway building which had

ceased, is now more active in the Southwest than ever before. In fact even now there is a "transportation glut" almost in sight. Hurry orders are out for hundreds of locomotives and thousands of cars, but even these additions cannot make yardage and track facilities, and the growth of industrialism and crops have produced a traffic which the railways cannot handle.

It is to this situation that the Southwest calls the world's attention; it is to this region of peace, prosperity and good will that every honest and industrious man is invited.—Texas Trade Review and Industrial Record.

With the Texas Bankers.

News reaches this city this week of the reception given the Texas bankers who are on a trip from Texas through the northern states and to Seattle, the reception mentioned having been given at Spokane upon their arrival in that city. The stay in that city was of four hours duration during which time the Chamber of Commerce of that enterprising city were the hosts on July 19. Special cars and automobiles were used in "Seeing Spokane" after which the party visited Natatorium park and the permanent exhibits in the chamber of commerce rooms where refreshments were served. According to telegraphic reports sent out the visitors enjoyed every minute of their stay in that city. The party were on their return trip to Texas and expect to arrive home on July 30 or 31. Mrs. L. T. Lester and party of this city are with the party.

Miss Letitia Lancaster, the wide awake teacher at Umbarger was in Canyon last Saturday and visited Mrs. A. N. Hen-son.

COMMITTEE HAS MEETING.

Big Advertising Scheme on Foot for the Plains Country—Biggers Field Man—More Publicity.

At the Crosbyton meeting June 8, 9, among other work undertaken was that of judicious advertising with the weekly papers of the plains. A committee consisting of Don H. Biggers, J. J. Dilliard, J. M. Simpson and J. M. Bull was appointed to formulate a plan and get it under way.

There was a meeting of the committee at this place last Friday and a plan adopted looking to inauguration of the work.

The present plan of the work is through the local newspapers which are members of the Federation. Mr. Biggers has been employed as the field man, and he will visit each county and endeavor to interest local people in the work. At Lubbock the citizens subscribed for 1,000 copies of the Avalanche to be sent for from three to twelve months to new subscribers. In this there was only a few hours work to secure the necessary amount and the claims of Lubbock are being set forth to a thousand new readers every week.

The business men and those interested in Hale county should see to it that the same is done here. Mr. Biggers will visit Plainview in a short while to inaugurate the system of advertising here, and the News bespeaks success for him in the work.

As secretary of the Federation, Mr. Biggers has corresponded with the Santa Fe railway people and they will give aid and encouragement to the work, as also will the Dallas Fair Association.

The News hopes the business men of Plainview will rally as one man, and it believes they will, and make this a success, as it is the best way to make known the claims of Hale county.—Plainview News.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons of Monterey, Mexico, were in this city this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas. Mrs. Simmons is the sister of Mr. Thomas and it had been about ten years since they had seen one another and of course the reunion was enjoyed by the entire party. Mr. Simmons is a railroad man at his home town and thinks that there is a great future before the Mexican Republic, especially for energetic young men.

H. E. Wesley and G. P. Bryan of the Ceta community were in last Friday. They were in this office investigating the amendments which are to be voted upon August 3, and desired to be posted about the matter before they went to the polls. This class of citizenship who desire to know about these matters is what is making Randall county such a desirable county in which to live.

Thomas Lester of Umbarger was in this city Friday and was a caller at this office. Mr. and Mrs. Lester expect to leave within a short time for the exposition at Seattle and will return via their old home in Missouri where they will visit for a few weeks before returning to their home in this county.

In a letter of recent date to this office E. D. Harrell, a resident of Randall county who is now visiting at Cumming, Georgia, with his family, is fussing and fuming considerably because he does not receive his Randall County News. Wants to hear from home we presume.

Mrs. Marietta Muldrow and daughter of Dallas are visiting her son, H. E. Muldrow, and family and other relatives in Canyon.

"Arch" Chesser and family are here from New Mexico the guests of his brother, George.

BIG CELEBRATION CANYON CITY, TEXAS August 24, 25 and 26, 1909.

Ex-Confederate Reunion and Randall County Fair

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Among the speakers who will be present and make addresses during the three days are Senator Joseph W. Bailey, Senator Charles Culberson, Governor Thomas M. Campbell, Lieutenant-Governor A. B. Davidson, Congressman Jack Beall, Congressman J. W. Stephens, Attorney General R. V. Davidson, State Superintendent R. B. Cousins, Hon R. W. Hall of Vernon, Judge A. H. Carrigan of Wichita Falls, Hon Cone Johnson, Judge J. N. Browning of Amarillo and Hon. W. C. Welborn of College Station.

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